

"TURNING BACK TO THINGS THAT ENSLAVE"

GALATIANS 4:8-11

I. CONSIDER A MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD PRIOR TO JUSTIFICATION (4:8)

- A. He Did Not Know God (4:8a)
- B. He Was In Bondage As An Idolater To Bogus gods (4:8b)

II. CONSIDER A MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD AFTER JUSTIFICATION (4:9-11)

- A. Paul Describes The Whole Change In The Relationship In Terms Of One Acquisition: Knowledge (4:9a)
- B. Paul Describes The Horror Of Abandoning That Which A Man Had Previously Acknowledged To Be Genuine
 - 1. He Has Returned To That Which Is Weak And Elemental (4:9b)
 - 2. He Has Returned To Trusting In Externalities (4:10)
 - 3. He Has Returned To A Condition That Causes Others To Justly Question The Legitimacy Of The Man's Justification (4:11)